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35. The method of claim 32 wherein the chlorotoxin is labeled.

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36. The method of claim 35 wherein the chlorotoxin label is detected by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

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37. The method of claim 35 wherein the chlorotoxin label is a radiolabel.

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38. The method of claim 37 wherein the radiolabel is selected from the group consisting of  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{32}\text{P}$ ,  $^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{51}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{57}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{58}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{186}\text{Re}$ ,  $^{131}\text{I}$  and  $^{125}\text{I}$ .

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39. The method of any one of claims 37 or 38 wherein the radiolabel is detected by positron emission tomography scanning.

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40. The method of claim 35 wherein the chlorotoxin label is a fluorescent moiety.

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41. The method of claim 40 wherein the fluorescent moiety is selected from the group consisting of fluorescein, rhodamine, auramine, Texas Red, AMCA blue and Lucifer Yellow.

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42. The method according to claim 40 wherein the fluorescent moiety is detected by a method selected from the group consisting of fluorescent microscopy and fluorescent activated cell sorting.

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43. The method of claim 35 wherein the chlorotoxin label is biotin.

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44. The method of claim 43 further comprising the step of contacting the sample with avidin to form avidin-biotin-labeled chlorotoxin complexes.

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45. The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of contacting the avidin-biotin-labeled chlorotoxin complexes with 3'3'-diaminobenzidine to form a colormetric product wherein the level of the colormetric product is indicative of the level of chlorotoxin binding.

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46. The method of claim 32 wherein the tissue sample is frozen.

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47. The method of claim 32 wherein the tissue sample is embedded in paraffin.

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48. The method of any one of claims 46 or 47 wherein the tissue sample is counterstained.

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49. The method of claim 48 wherein the counterstain is selected from the group consisting of methyl green, hematoxylin and eosin.--